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For : ULTRASONIC PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION DEVICE,
ULTRASONIC PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION KIT AND
ULTRASONIC PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents, which were cited in an International Search Report issued on May 20, 2003, with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/00455, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application, to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-24074, together with English language patent family member European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 634 189;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. SHO 64-500247, together with English language patent family member International Patent Application Publication No. WO 88/00001; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-502424, together with English language patent family member International Patent Application Publication No. WO 94/08655.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the Examiner applying the appropriate rules to the claims are set forth in the International Search Report, a copy of which was filed on July 19, 2004.

Applicants also bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 52-115591, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 4,309,989. Applicants note that the Japanese patent document is cited on pages 1 and 2 of the specification of the present application; and

Japanese Patent No. 2710281, together with patent family member International Patent Application Publication No. WO 88/00001 (mentioned above). Applicants note that this document is cited on pages 1 and 2 of the specification of the present application.

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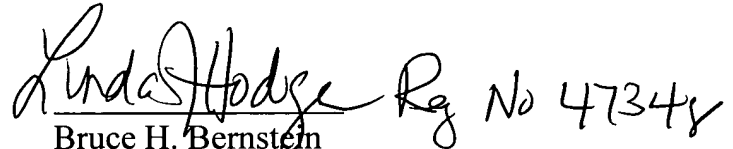
enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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